

THE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL NUMBER OF THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE, (guaranteed circulation 15,000 copies) will be issued on Saturday December 18th. All advertisements for this issue must be sent in before Dec. 13th.

Trials of Our Fisherfolk

Many Similar Cases of Late Rescues Occurred in Past Years—Lot of Our Seamen a Hard and Dangerous One

It seems to be a remarkable coincidence and certainly is a happy circumstance that no lives were lost in the recent stormy weather when the "Blanche M. Rose", "Annie" and "Swallow" were driven to sea and lost and passengers, men women and children and their crews were taken off the vessels. Old timers now in the city say it was always the same in the past when sudden storms occurred, and many instances of rescues, similar to those which occurred in the case of the vessels named above, have been given us within the past few days.

Speaking of the awful sufferings of the boy Michael Dornidy, recorded exclusively in The Mail and Advocate last week, when remained 72 hours on a sea-swept rock holding to a pinacle and for 12 hours held his father's dead body with one hand, one old man told us of a somewhat similar experience which a man named Samuel Strong of Old Perlican had about 35 years ago. He, in the late fall, was bound from St. John's to Perlican in a small schooner with little freight on board when a sudden storm overtook her. She was completely overturned and all were lost except Strong who managed to reach a rock on some wreckage and was there clinging to it for the better part of two days before being picked up, and though in a bad way when rescued, lived, and our informant thinks is still alive.

Driven across the Atlantic. Some 35 years ago, one old fisherman and seaman said, a man named Butler left here in his schooner of 40 tons for Green Bay and was not long out when the vessel was overtaken by a hurricane of off-shore wind. There was nothing to be done but to run before it for days, and the friends of those on board had given up all hope of again hearing of vessel or crew. But vessel and crew were all right and after a couple of weeks news came that they had reached Waterford, Ireland, pretty badly used up from exposure, hardship and worry, but with the knowledge that their lives had been spared and that they were the recipients of every kindness that could be extended to victims of such an unusual set of circumstances which included the surviving of a terrific storm and an involuntary run across the herring pond.

One of the worst cases of suffering and hardship possibly ever endured by our seamen was that which overtook Capt. Job Vine and Capt. Wm. Martin, now master of the Red Cross Liner Florizel, when they lost the Vidania barquentine, off Petty Hr. a few years ago in midwinter during a raging blizzard.

She left St. John's the day before the storm broke, dragged in on a lee shore, struck a reef at night and the men had to go over boards placed on the slob ice which had made, crawling along on their hands and knees in the midst of the blizzard to the shore more than half a mile away. For two nights and a day without a particle of food they crouched under a large boulder—6 men of them—suffering terribly until the storm abated and they managed to get to a house. One of the men, seaman Sweeney of Carbonear, was the life of the miserable company during these awful hours.

He sang and made them dance and kept the circulation up and cheered them with his comicalities and assurance of rescue later. This poor chap was afterwards drowned and was with Capt. W. J. Kennedy in the "Pioneer," when that vessel bound from Carbonear to St. John's was driven to sea, picked up in the Gulf Stream by the S.S. Rotterdam, and her crew were taken off and brought to Rotterdam.

Amongst our fishermen and seamen of the olden days there is a wealth of stories of plinal hardship and rescue, many of them of thrilling interest, which have never been publicly recorded but which would form most interesting reading matter.

T. D. C.

OUR THEATRES.

THE CASINO.

One of (if not the most interesting) places one visits whilst witnessing "Our Boys" in the beautiful picture now being shown to crowded houses at the Casino, is the "Brig O'Doon" made famed as in song and story. It is the bridge over which Tam O'Shanter crossed in his memorable ride. This magnificent picture taken of The First Nfld Regiment previous to their final departure for the Dardanelles has been shown all the week and is most enthusiastically received at each presentation. To-morrow afternoon special performances will be given for the benefit of the children who will undoubtedly flock to see this great production of both National and Historical importance.

ROSSLEY'S.

There will be a monster contest to-night which will make you forget your troubles, for there are a good many names. Last Friday broke all records but we think this will be even better. Don't miss, take it in; then Carroll and Ellor in two distinct acts and some first-class pictures. The rehearsals for the pantomime are going ahead, and Professor Roche and Mrs. Rossley have their work cut out. The costumes this season will eclipse any thing ever seen here, they are simply magnificent. Mrs. Rossley certainly has no equal in her line of training children for the stage. One has only to look at the finished performances of the sunshine girls who are as capable as any performers, and this year the numbers are more novel than ever. On Monday Ballard Brown and Madge Locke. Look out for a big surprise.

THE CRESCENT.

Mr. Dan Delmar sings "Its Too High," a comic song at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. There is a fine picture programme, the usual first class production as is always screened at the Crescent. The Biograph Company presents a strong Western feature: "His Brother's Keeper," the cast contains the names of all the A.B. stars. The Selig Co. presents a comedy drama: "The Kidnapped Lover." Isabel Rea features in a touching Domestic drama: "The Brooding Heart," and two very funny comedies are "Getting rid of Nephew" and "The Big Night." You must see this great week-end bill. To-morrow's matinee will be the usual big thing. Extra pictures for the children's benefit; send them all along for a good afternoon's enjoyment at the popular Crescent.

Nfld. Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street, pays highest prices for all kinds of Raw Furs.—nov23

REMOVE THIS NUISANCE.

Repeatedly of late letters have appeared in the press relative to the presence of an ice house on the margin of one of our most beautiful suburban sheets of water, Long Pond. This shack is not alone an interference with the right of the public to the foreshore of the lake but is a nuisance and an eyesore.

Strong representations have been made about it, and we hear that the Minister of Agriculture has ordered the owner to remove it, but with characteristic nerve he has treated the order with disdain. A word to the police authorities might make this cheeky individual wake up or if not the public who use the lake may effectually eliminate this blot on a pretty piece of scenery. COM.

A GOOD IDEA.

Mr. Simon Faour of this city has a personal friend and business correspondent in Malta, Mr. C. Columbus. Mr. Faour has repeatedly sent parcels, such as tobaccos &c. to friends of his own and others in our regiment on Gallipoli and will be glad to send to his address any parcels that people may wish to send. They will go with absolute safety and there is not the slightest danger of their going astray. This is a good means to send along particular parcels to our boys.

Preliminary Hearing Recount

Yesterday Afternoon Was Taken Up With Hearing Objections Raised Against Granting a Recount—Judge Will Consider Points Raised by Counsel

The recount proceedings in the Prohibition Election began yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, in the Court House, before Hon. Mr. Justice Johnson, Messrs. Furlong, K.C., and Kent K.C., represented the applicants, and Messrs. Hunt and Dunfield the prohibition cause.

Mr. F. M. Stirling, of the Colonial Secretary's Department, attended with the ballot boxes, with the exception of those of St. Barbe, which have not been returned to the Colonial Secretary's Office up to the present time.

Practically the whole afternoon was taken up in the hearing of the preliminary objections to the recount advanced by Mr. Dunfield. His contentions were:

(a) That the affidavit of Mr. Vinicombe, upon which the order for the recount was granted, was insufficient on the ground that it did not state that any definite returning officer had miscounted, but referred to St. John's only, and that St. John's itself is divided into two districts;

(b) That the affidavit did not show any real ground for the alleged belief that there had been any miscounting;

(c) That insofar as the affidavit applied to any district outside St. John's, it did not show any miscounting or any belief that there had been miscounting and that, therefore, the order should be rescinded insofar as it applied to districts outside St. John's.

(d) That Mr. Vinicombe had no status to object to the count in any district, where he did not reside, or at which count he was not present;

(e) That the application was put in after the time limit for same had expired;

(f) That there was no ground for departing from the procedure under the Election Act, 1913, which provides that voting and counting must be by electoral districts, and that the said Act must be followed as far as possible.

Mr. Furlong, K.C., contended that the application was for the recount of one election extending over the whole country, and that the recount must be for the country as a whole, and that, therefore, the affidavit was sufficient, and that the application was put in within the time prescribed.

Hon. Mr. Justice Johnson said he would consider the points raised by the counsel, and the hearing would be resumed this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

ARRESTED FOR OLD THEFT

A few days ago a man named Gregory Bruiff was arrested at Cape Broyle on suspicion of being the person who in July 1914 entered the Reid Nfld. Co's. railway station there by a window and stole the cash box with its contents, about \$80. He was taken to Ferry land and tried before Magistrate Freebairn. Mr. W. R. Howley, K.C., defended him and he was acquitted of the charge.

We advise trappers to send their Furs to Nfld. Fox Exchange, 276 Water Street.—nov23

LOCAL ITEMS

The marriage of Miss Sophie Pike, daughter of Mr. Mark Pike of Port-aux-Basques, and Mr. Stanley Burden will shortly take place.

Though bad weather has prevailed so long, some of our local fishermen go to the grounds when opportunity offers, and get fair catches of cod. They dispose of it quickly in the St. John's markets at good figures.

Capt. Amundsen and crew of the whaler "Cachalot" should arrive here to-day on their way home to Norway. Their steamer is at Trinity laying up after one of the most successful voyages in her history.

The firemen of the Adventure not having been given due notice of her sailing are ashore to-day and the ship has not gone though ready for sea. The Bellaventure will not sail until to-morrow.

To-day in court Jos. Baird (alleged to elsewhere) for stealing a coat, the property of Walter Hibbs valued at \$5, pleaded guilty and was sent down by Mr. Morris, J.P., for 6 months.

About 20 young men from various nearby settlements who had been in the States all the summer returned by the Stephano. They worked at different occupations, did well, and came to spend Christmas and the winter with their friends.

The men Wadden, Snow and Hodder who were morooned on Dog Island were picked up by Capt. W. J. Kennedy of Carbonear who some years ago in the schr. Pioneer was taken off himself and crew and brought into Rotterdam.

Yesterday evening Sgt. Savage found a teamster who had imbibed too freely asleep on a long cart in Cliff's Cove. Without waking the inebriate the horse was driven to the station door and the man, still snoring soundly was comfortably bedded in the cells.

Passengers by the Fogota say that the men Snow and Hodder who were morooned on Dog Bay Island as exclusively reported in yesterday's Mail and Advocate were in a desperate state when rescued. It is believed they would not have held 24 hours longer had they not been found.

Of the 56 slaughter houses between Topsail and Upper Gullies Inspector W. O'Brien yesterday inspected 37. He reported to his superior officer, Dr. Brehm, that most places visited were in a very sanitary condition. With only two or three exceptions all had meat dressed to bring here to-morrow.

SALE CLOSED LAST NIGHT

Last night the sale of the L.C.A.S. came to a close with a concert, which was largely attended and most enjoyable. The sale was a most successful one and at its close the goods left over were sold at auction by Mr. A. Soper and fetched good prices. We heartily congratulate all concerned on the excellent outcome of the sale.

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Wounded Naval Man Returning

J. Butler who went with the first contingent of Naval Reservists will arrive here by the express to-day. He was on the Cornwallis in the Dardanelles, when in returning from a landing party, a shell struck their boat and the 40 men in it went into the water, most of them being drowned. Butler clung to some wreckage and was saved though badly wounded with shrapnel. He lost some fingers, his arm is disabled and he was in hospital at Malta and again at Chatham.

STOLE CASH AND CASH BOX

For some time past Mr. Wm. Spurrel who keeps a store on Livingston Street has noticed boys coming nightly to the place asking the names of people and where certain people lived. This he recently learned to his cost was only a blind to cover several thefts of aerated waters, tobaccos and other goods, committed when Mr. and Mrs. Spurrel had left the shop and the coast was clear. A couple of nights ago they made the boldest haul when one of them got in quietly around the counter and stole the cash box and its contents—about \$5. They are all known and will be handed over to the police.

A PITIFUL OBJECT.

At present there often walks Water Street an old man who is led along by his little boy. He is an object of pity as he seems to be on the verge of collapse. He is blind, anaemic and clothed in rags which are a poor protection against the cold December winds. He seems to be ill-nourished and we hear he lives in a hovel.

We hear a deal of late from those fussy, if well meaning ladies, who are looking after comfort and security of beasts of burden. Now would it not be more consistent with charity and Christian feeling if some of these good people would spare an hour directed to the alleviation of the miseries which men like the one we allude to suffer. We think it would, and that any kindness and help extended would be repaid tenfold.

SHOULD GET A PREMIUM.

We have heard it said that once in a home here a man got away safely with a hot stove and was never captured, but we think the limit has been reached in the story which the police give out, that a safe and its contents was stolen in Western Bay. The man capable of performing such a feat is what our "good friends" the Huns would call a super-man.

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LATEST

WAR MESSAGES

War to End Soon Says Redmond

LONDON, Dec. 3.—John Redmond, in a speech at Waterford yesterday, recounted talks that he had with Kitchener at the beginning of the war. Kitchener said to Redmond: "Can you guarantee me 5,000 men from Ireland? If you can I will say, thank you. If you can guarantee 12,000 I will say I am deeply obliged." Redmond added, amid ringing cheers, "It is not 5,000 or 12,000, but 1,000,000 that we have sent from Ireland. It is a perfectly amazing performance when one considers the past history of the country and how it has been drained by emigration. I am convinced," continued Redmond, "that so far as the Western front is concerned, we have got the upper hand definitely. I am also convinced that the war will come to an end sooner than most people believe."

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SWISS COMMITTEES TO PROVIDE FOR NEEDY

BERNE, Dec. 3.—With the arrival here today of an hospital train from Constance, Germany, a new exchange of men incapacitated for further fighting. Reparation of 20,000 French civilians, who evacuated the northern Departments of France, will begin soon.

Swiss committees intend to provide all these 20,000 persons, who are mostly poor women and children, with fresh linen and underwear.

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Official to New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The German Army Headquarters announce the occupation of Plevlje and Jabuka, in North-eastern Montenegro, near the Serbian border, and the capture of four thousand additional prisoners.

A despatch from Athens denies the occupation of Monastir. There is little activity on the Western front.

A French official statement says: "Artillery exchanges continued last night with decreased intensity in the various sectors of the front. Firing in the Artois district, in the region of Bretoncourt, in the region of Fuses, on the Somme and in the Champagne district, near Tahure. There is nothing to report on remainder of the front.

Paris announces apart from artillery battles and mine warfare, no special incidents have occurred on the Western front.

The situation in the East is unchanged.

PATRIOTIC ACTION OF NEW M.P.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Col. William Hall Walker, member of Parliament, has presented to the nation his famous breeding farm for race horses at Tully, Kildare and his training stables at Russley Parks, Flintshire, the Government undertaking to purchase the land at its own valuation.

Acceptance by the Government means that it intends to initiate state horse-breeding, as is done by the Governments of France, Russia and Germany.

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